LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 (currently amended): A precoated metal sheet, with excellent corrosion resistance and having little effect on environment, ~~a precoating~~ comprising a metal sheet having, on at least one surface thereof, <u>a precoating comprising</u> an inorganic film and an organic coat layer thereon, wherein said inorganic film is a film mainly comprising ~~one or both of an oxide of metal and/or silicon and~~ a hydroxide of ~~metal~~ <u>at least one of titanium, zirconium</u> and/or silicon, the metal species of the ~~oxide and~~ hydroxide being exclusive of chromium, and said film has cracks therein ~~and the cracks are formed by a liquid phase process for imparting the oxide of metal and/or silicon and/or the hydroxide of metal and/or silicon to the metal sheet~~.

Claim 2: (canceled).

3 (currently amended): A precoated metal sheet, with excellent corrosion resistance and having little effect on environment, comprising a metal sheet on the surface of which pits are formed, ~~a precoating comprising~~ the metal sheet having, on at least one surface thereof, <u>a precoating comprising</u> an inorganic film and an organic coat layer thereon, wherein said inorganic film is a film mainly comprising ~~one or both of an oxide of metal and/or silicon and~~ a hydroxide of ~~metal~~ <u>at least one of titanium, zirconium</u> and/or silicon, the metal species of the ~~oxide and~~ hydroxide being exclusive of chromium, and said film has cracks therein ~~and the pits and the cracks are formed by a liquid phase process for imparting the oxide of metal and/or silicon and/or the hydroxide of metal and/or silicon to the metal sheet~~.

4 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said crack has a size such that the width is from 0.1 to 10 μm, the depth is from 0.5 to 10 μm and the length is 3 μm or more.

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5 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 2, wherein said pit has a size such that the minor axis is from 0.5 to 10 μm and the depth is from 0.5 to 10 μm.

Claim 6: (canceled).